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The Honorable Edmund S. Muskie
Chairman, Subcommittee on
Intergovernmental Relations
Committee on Government Operations
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

The Honorable Abraham Ribicoff
Chairman, Subcommittee on Executive
Reorganization and Government Research
Committee on Government Operations
United States Senate
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My dear Mr. Chairmen:

This is in response to your letter of 7 July 1971 requesting my appearance, together with that of Attorney General Mitchell, Secretary Rogers and Secretary Laird, before your two Subcommittees in executive session to discuss the possible complicity of certain Southeast Asian officials in the drug traffic in that area.

The drug problem in Southeast Asia and elsewhere is indeed a matter of serious concern to this Agency and we are engaged in an intensive effort to respond to requirements levied upon us by those agencies of the Government having primary responsibility in this field. We understand that these agencies will be responding to your request shortly.

Sincerely,

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Richard Helms
Director

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